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LOWER SUBANSIRI HYDRO POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had nominated a panel of experts to look into and report on the environmental impact posed by Lower Subansiri Hydro Power Project in Dhamaji district, Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the specific issues referred to the panel and its terms of reference;

(c) the main observations and suggestions made by it; and

(d) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) & (b) : Ministry of Environment & Forests have informed that the project was accorded environmental clearance on 16.7.2003 after its expert committee recommended environmental clearance. Thereafter Ministry of Power has not nominated any panel of experts to look into and report on the environmental impact posed by Lower Subansiri Hydro Power Project. However, NHPC have informed that they have awarded a study on 15.03.2007 to look into the downstream environmental impacts of Subansiri Lower Project to IIT, Guwahati with the following terms of reference:

Forecasting the flow situation downstream on ten daily/monthly basis through reservoir simulation study with standard operating policy / optimal operating policy.
Forecasting flood situation downstream due to possible sudden release of water either due to dam failure or due to need of releasing water in the event of extreme rainfall in the upper catchments during reservoir full condition.
Environmental Impact at downstream will be partly addressed during the 1st phase.
Suggesting possible remedial measures based on the outcome of the above phase.

(c) & (d) : The study has not yet been concluded.